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## GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES \$600,000 INVESTMENT BY METAL SPINNERS INC. IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

One North Carolina Fund Helps Company Add 27 New Jobs and Open New Facility in Tabor City

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that Metal Spinners Inc., a manufacturer of metal products, will locate in Tabor City creating 27 new jobs during the next three years and investing \$600,000 in the area. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$27,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

"Metal Spinners' decision to locate in North Carolina means 27 jobs for 27 hard-working North Carolina families," said Easley. "We will continue to work aggressively to make the economic and education investments necessary to maintain the top-ranked business environment that allows companies, such as Metal Spinners, to continue to grow here."

Established in 1941, Metal Spinners is headquartered in Angola, Ind. and is one of the largest U.S. independent domestic manufacturing companies specializing in alternatives to metal stamping, casting and machining. The company operates three 50,000 square-foot production facilities in Indiana and Illinois.

Metal Spinners will locate its North Carolina operations in an existing plant in Tabor City. The 27 new positions will have an average salary of \$520 a week, including benefits. The average weekly salary for jobs in Columbus County is \$494 a week, excluding benefits.

"North Carolina is an excellent location for our geographic expansion," said Olin Wiland, president and CEO of Metal Spinners Inc. "And the skilled workforce in Columbus County enables us to begin production immediately."

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Since 2001, this Fund has helped create more than 17,000 jobs and bring \$2 billion in investment to the state.

For more information about Metal Spinners Inc., visit www.metalspinners.com.

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